


EXHIBIT 46


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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
3 SOUTHERN DIVISION
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5 D.L.; K.S.F.; and K.B., by and
6 through her parent and next friend
H.B.,
7 Plaintiffs,
8 v Case No. 22-cv-00838-RJJ-PJG
9 HON. ROBERT J. JONKER
10 MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, MAG. PHILLIP J. GREEN
11 Defendant.
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14 DEPOSITION OF KAYLA BUSH
15 Taken by the Defendant on the 27th day of August, 2024, at
16 251 South Rose Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan, at 10:10 a.m.
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19 RECORDED BY: Rachelle Roberts, CER 9585
20 Certified Electronic Recorder
21 Esquire Deposition Solutions
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1 Q Can you spell Lilac for me?
2 A L-i-l-a-c.
3 Q And is that in Kalamazoo?
4 A Yes.
5 Q What's the zipcode?
6 A 49006.
7 Q How long have you lived at this address?
8 A Like November is going to make a year.
9 Q Do you remember where you lived prior to last November?
10 A Yeah.
11 Q What's the address?
12 A 1116 Bronson.
13 Q Can you spell Bronson for me, please?
14 A B-r-o-s-o-n (sic).
15 Q And is that in Kalamazoo as well?
16 A Yes.
17 Q And is the zipcode the same, or is it a different zipcode?
18 A I think it's 49048.
19 Q And do you remember how long you lived at that Bronson
20 address?
21 A Three years.
22 Q So would that take us to -- what? -- 2020? Does that sound
23 about right?
24 A Yeah.
25 Q Who lives at your current address on Lilac Lane with you?

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1 A Me, my mom, and my twin sister.
2 Q What's your mom's name?
3 A H.B.
4 Q And what's your sister's name?
5 A [Sister]
6 Q Can you spell that -- her first name for me?
7 A K-y-a-l-a.
8 Q And is [Sister] your twin sister?
9 A Yes.
10 Q So she's 18 as well; right?
11 A Yeah.
12 Q So there is just you, your mom, and your twin sister; right?
13 A Yes.
14 Q Do you know if your mom owns or rents her home?
15 A Rent.
16 Q Who pays like the rent?
17 A My mom.
18 Q Do you know who pays the utilities?
19 A My mom.
20 Q Do you have contact with your dad?
21 A No.
22 Q What is your dad's name?
23 A Demetrius Little.
24 Q When is the last time you had contact with him?
25 A Like a month ago.

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1 Q Do you have a driver's license?
2 A No.
3 Q Do you plan on getting one?
4 A Yeah.
5 Q Have you taken driver's training?
6 A No.
7 Q Has anyone tried to help you or teach you how to drive?
8 A Yeah.
9 Q Who?
10 A My Grandma.
11 Q Do you know when you plan to get a driver's license?
12 A I was going to see what they was talking about on Friday. I
13 was going to go to the Secretary of State.
14 Q Do you have a State ID?
15 A Yeah, I got to get a new one actually.
16 Q So what, it's expired? Or you lost it?
17 A I lost it.
18 Q Are you currently employed?
19 A No.
20 Q Are you looking for a job right now?
21 A Yes.
22 Q What kind of jobs have you applied for?
23 A Nursing homes.
24 Q What are you trying to do at a nursing home?
25 A Like dietary aide.

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1 Q Do you need any like special training for that?
2 A No.
3 Q Do you need like a high school diploma for that?
4 A Yeah.
5 Q How many nurse or dietary aide positions have you applied
6 for?
7 A Four.
8 Q What happened when you applied to those four?
9 A They didn't reach back out. And one of them, I missed the
10 interview.
11 Q Okay. Do you remember when you applied for these nursing
12 homes jobs?
13 A Like in June.
14 Q So June of this year?
15 A Yeah.
16 Q I know you said for one of the jobs you missed an interview.
17 Do you remember what date that interview was scheduled for?
18 A No.
19 Q Was it this year?
20 A Yes.
21 Q Was it the summer?
22 A Yeah.
23 Q What made you want to be a dietary aide?
24 A I really wanted to be an CNA, but I don't got no CNA license
25 or nothing. So I'm just going to be a dietary aide.



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1 like clothes and shoes and stuff.
2 Q Do you know about how much you give your mom a month?
3 A 150.
4 Q Do you ever give her more?
5 A No.
6 Q Less?
7 A No.
8 Q How long have you been giving your mom the \$150 each month?
9 A Like -- for like three months.
10 Q So would it be like since you turned 18?
11 A Yes.
12 Q So I know we just talked about you getting SSI for a
13 learning disability. Do you have any other like
14 disabilities or health impairments?
15 A No. I just know I got a learning disability and ADHD.
16 Q So I know you said -- well, no, you didn't say. So let's
17 start with the learning disability. Do you remember when
18 you were diagnosed with that?
19 A No.
20 Q Would you say maybe middle school, high school, if you had
21 to guess?
22 A I would say like the seventh grade.
23 Q Seventh grade. What about ADHD, do you remember when you
24 were diagnosed with that?
25 A Around the same time.



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1 Q Did you happen to tell your school at the time that you were
2 stopping the medication?
3 A No.
4 Q Do you remember who diagnosed you with ADHD?
5 A No.
6 Q Do you know what Integrated Services Kalamazoo is?
7 A No.
8 Q When you were diagnosed for a learning disability, did
9 you -- did you take any like exams or did anyone like assess
10 you or observe you? How did you find out that you had a
11 learning disability?
12 A When I did a test.
13 Q And this is in seventh grade; right?
14 A Yeah.
15 Q Where did you do the test at?
16 A I was at school. It was in a little room.
17 Q What school?
18 A Milwood.
19 Q Do you know the name of your -- so if you're in seventh
20 grade, would you agree that that probably was middle school?
21 A Yeah; Milwood Magnet.
22 Q Oh, Milwood. Thank you. Sorry. What about ADHD, do you
23 remember taking like any exams or seeing a doctor?
24 A No.
25 Q Who told you you had ADHD?



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1 A The people who was reassessing me and stuff. I think I went
2 to the doctors like once.
3 Q Do you remember your doctor's name?
4 A No.
5 Q Have you ever attended therapy for any of your disabilities?
6 A Yeah.
7 Q How often did you attend therapy?
8 A Like probably once every two weeks.
9 Q Do you remember when you started going to therapy?
10 A No.
11 Q Are you currently in therapy?
12 A No.
13 Q Why not?
14 A I don't know.
15 Q Has your mom tried to get you to go to therapy?
16 A Yeah.
17 Q Why?
18 A I don't know.
19 MS. SALVATORE: Objection; calls for speculation.
20 Why -- are you asking about why her mom --
21 MS. HENDLEY: Yeah.
22 BY MS. HENDLEY:
23 Q So what does your mom say when you -- as she was trying to
24 get you to stay in therapy?
25 A What you mean?



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1 Q Is Woodward Elementary within like the Kalamazoo School
2 District?
3 A Yes.
4 MS. HENDLEY: Can we go off the record for one
5 second?
6 THE REPORTER: Off the record at 10:30 a.m.
7 (Off the record)
8 THE REPORTER: Back on the record at 10:34 a.m.
9 BY MS. HENDLEY:
10 Q Where did you attend middle school?
11 A I went to Hillside Middle School. I went to ALP. That's an
12 alternative school. And I went to Milwood and YAA, Youth
13 Advanced Academy.
14 Q Okay. So let's start with Hillside Middle School. Did you
15 go there for sixth grade?
16 A Yeah. I went there for sixth grade for like two weeks and
17 they kicked me out.
18 Q Why did you get kicked out?
19 A I was never told the reason.
20 Q And where did you go after Hillside?
21 A ALP.
22 Q And that's the Alternative Learning Program?
23 A Yes.
24 Q And would that be for sixth and seventh grade?
25 A Yeah.



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1 Q And where did you go after ALP?
2 A I went to Milwood.
3 Q Is Milwood just a regular school within Kalamazoo School
4 District?
5 A Yeah.
6 Q What school year did you go to Milwood?
7 A I went there for seventh and eighth and then I got kicked
8 out in eighth grade in the middle of the year and had to go
9 to Youth Advanced Academy.
10 Q Do you remember why you got kicked out of Milwood?
11 A 'Cause I never went to -- never went to class and I was
12 fighting.
13 Q And then the last school you went to was Youth Advanced
14 Academy; right?
15 A Yeah.
16 Q Do you remember what year that was? Like what grade year.
17 I'm sorry.
18 A Eighth.
19 Q So just to be clear, you were kicked out of Milwood in the
20 middle of the eighth grade year?
21 A Yeah.
22 Q And then once you were kicked out, then you went to --
23 A Youth Advanced Academy.
24 Q And you completed the rest of your eighth grade year there?
25 A Yeah.



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1 Q Let's talk about your seventh grade year. Do you remember
2 getting kicked out for trespassing and assaulting another
3 student?
4 A Yes.
5 Q Do you remember what grade year that was? Was that seventh
6 grade?
7 A I don't remember. I think so though.
8 Q Do you think that was the incident that got you kicked out
9 of Hillside Middle and sent to the Alternative Learning
10 Program?
11 A No.
12 Q The trespass incident, were you suspended for that?
13 A Yeah.
14 Q How long?
15 A I think like 10 days.
16 Q And what incident led to you being sent to the Youth
17 Advancement Academy?
18 A I just never used to go to class, and I was disrespectful to
19 teachers.
20 Q And did you get expelled from Youth Advancement Academy?
21 A No, I got locked up.
22 Q Oh. Why did you get locked up?
23 A For the stuff at -- for trespassing.
24 Q Do you know what you were charged for for that incident?
25 Was it trespass?



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1 A ILC, Intensive Learning.
2 Q Center?
3 A Yeah.
4 Q What is the highest grade level of high school that you've
5 completed?
6 A Eleventh grade.
7 Q What high school?
8 A Loy Norrix.
9 Q Would it be correct that you started the high school in
10 2020? Does that sound about right?
11 A I think 2021.
12 Q Are you currently enrolled in school?
13 A No.
14 Q Why not?
15 A I didn't get the chance to enroll yet, but I'm going to
16 enroll this week.
17 Q Where do you plan on enrolling?
18 A Covenant -- Covenant Academy.
19 Q Is that within the Kalamazoo School District?
20 A Yeah.
21 Q Is it like a special school or it's just a regular --
22 A You can go to that school 'til you're 21.
23 Q When is the last time you went to high school?
24 A Like last year like September.
25 Q So was that September of 2023?



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- 1 A Yes.
- 2 Q And that would have been your junior year?
- 3 A That would have been my senior year.
- 4 Q Senior year. So you technically were supposed to graduate
- 5 this year?
- 6 A This year.
- 7 Q Can you tell me again why you stopped going?
- 8 A I just -- I just didn't feel like going to school no more.
- 9 Q Was your mom okay with that?
- 10 A No.
- 11 Q Did she try to enroll you back in school?
- 12 A Yeah.
- 13 Q And you still said "No"?
- 14 A Yeah.
- 15 Q Do you plan on like working towards a high school diploma or
- 16 getting your GED? Like what is your plan?
- 17 A High school diploma.
- 18 Q And technically you only have one school year left --
- 19 right? -- to complete it?
- 20 A Yeah.
- 21 Q Were you involved in like any sports or like extracurricular
- 22 activities while attending school?
- 23 A No; no.
- 24 Q Like never?
- 25 A (No verbal response)



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- 1 Q Did you have any favorite classes in middle school?
- 2 A Art.
- 3 Q Why did you like art?
- 4 A 'Cause I like the painting.
- 5 Q Did you do well in painting?
- 6 A No. I just like to be playing in the paint, honestly.
- 7 Q Did you have any other favorite classes in middle school?
- 8 A No.
- 9 Q Do you remember what grade year you took a painting class --
- 10 or art class? I'm sorry.
- 11 A It was in the seventh grade.
- 12 Q Did you have any favorite classes in high school?
- 13 A Gym.
- 14 Q Why did you like gym?
- 15 A 'Cause you really got to do no work in gym.
- 16 Q Any other favorite classes in high school?
- 17 A No.
- 18 Q Did you have any favorite teachers in middle school?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q Was there any like staff persons that helped you more than
- 21 others?
- 22 A (Shaking head negatively)
- 23 Q What about high school?
- 24 A I'd really get no help, for real.
- 25 Q What kind of help would you have wanted?



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- 1 A Like hands-on.
- 2 Q Did you ask for any hands-on help?
- 3 A No.
- 4 Q Do you know if your mom --
- 5 A Yeah.
- 6 Q -- asked for it? What grade year did you take gym?
- 7 A Ninth grade.
- 8 Q Do you know what an Individualized Education Plan is?
- 9 A No.
- 10 Q What if I say "IEP"?
- 11 A Yeah.
- 12 Q What does an IEP mean, if you know? Have you ever taken
- 13 like any -- or taken any classes -- I mean, any tests or
- 14 evaluation for Special Education Services?
- 15 A Yeah.
- 16 Q Do you remember like when you were first -- or when you
- 17 first took like any tests or assessments?
- 18 A No.
- 19 Q Have you ever been given an IEP?
- 20 A Yeah; I got an IEP.
- 21 Q Do you remember what grade?
- 22 A No.
- 23 Q Was it based on your ADHD?
- 24 A No. I got ADD, too.
- 25 Q Was the IEP based on your specific learning disability?



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- 1 evaluation recommends that an IEP team be held to share this
- 2 report." So do you remember like in 20- -- in May 2021
- 3 where you underwent like some assessments with probably like
- 4 a psychologist, social worker, one of your teachers?
- 5 A Yeah, I think so.
- 6 Q Have you ever seen this report before?
- 7 A No.
- 8 Q So this is your first time seeing these results; right?
- 9 A Yeah.
- 10 Q Okay. So I'm going to hand you what will be marked as
- 11 Exhibit 6.
- 12 MS. SALVATORE: Thank you.
- 13 (Deposition Exhibit 6 marked)
- 14 BY MS. HENDLEY:
- 15 Q So in Exhibit 5, the report we just looked at, they pretty
- 16 much just said that an IEP team meeting should be held. So
- 17 this is an IEP team report that it looks like it took place
- 18 on or about May 26th, 2021. Do you remember this meeting?
- 19 A No.
- 20 Q I want you to take a look and look at the participants. So
- 21 it's like in the second section on the first page. Looking
- 22 at some of these names, does it ring a bell at all?
- 23 A Yeah.
- 24 Q Do you remember attending this team meeting -- this IEP team
- 25 meeting?



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1 A No.
2 Q Okay. And if you look on page 2, where it's like a little
3 check mark and it says, "Yes, Kayla is eligible," and then
4 it says, "for based on another health impairment." Do you
5 see that?
6 A Yes.
7 Q Do you agree that you had a health impairment that made you
8 eligible for special education?
9 MS. SALVATORE: I'm just going to object to the
10 extent it calls for a legal conclusion.
11 BY MS. HENDLEY:
12 Q Do you agree with it?
13 A No.
14 Q So do you think you had a -- no, that's not a good question.
15 What grade were you in in May of 2021?
16 A Tenth grade.
17 Q So it looks like one of the evaluations that was discussed
18 during this meeting -- if you look on page 1 under "Current
19 Evaluations," that it looks like your math and reading
20 scores fell; do you remember that?
21 MS. SALVATORE: Where are you referring to?
22 MS. HENDLEY: Under "Current evaluation."
23 MS. SALVATORE: "Math and reading scores fell," is
24 that what you said?
25 MS. HENDLEY: Yes.



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1 MS. SALVATORE: It looks like it says she
2 increased her score. That's how I'm reading it. And then
3 it says her score increased on both. I guess I will object.
4 The document speaks for itself.
5 MS. HENDLEY: Okay.
6 BY MS. HENDLEY:
7 Q Do you remember having any like issues in any of your
8 classes around this time, in May of 2021?
9 A No.
10 Q Do you remember feeling like your diagnosis of ADHD made it
11 difficult for you to learn?
12 A Yeah.
13 Q Do you know what a due process hearing is?
14 A No.
15 Q Do you ever remember your mom or anyone talking about a due
16 process hearing?
17 A No.
18 Q What do you plan to do after you earn your high school
19 diploma?
20 A Go to college actually.
21 Q What do you want to study?
22 A I want to be a travel nurse.
23 Q Do you plan on attending college like right after you earn
24 your high school diploma?
25 A Yeah.



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1 insuring compliance with corrective action plans,"
2 and it goes on to state what that includes.
3 Do you know what policies or protocols you want MDE to put
4 in place?
5 A No.
6 MS. HENDLEY: Can we go off the record for just
7 one second?
8 THE REPORTER: Off the record at 11:50.
9 (Off the record)
10 THE REPORTER: Back on?
11 MS. HENDLEY: Yes.
12 Q Ms. Bush, have you ever been diagnosed with emotional trauma
13 disorder?
14 A Yeah, I think so.
15 Q Do you remember when?
16 A No, I don't.
17 Q What about ODD? Do you know what that is? Oppositional
18 Defiant Disorder?
19 A Yes.
20 Q So you have been diagnosed with that?
21 A Yes.
22 Q Do you know when?
23 A No, I don't remember.
24 Q Do you know if you're taking any medication for ODD or your
25 emotional trauma disorder?



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